



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8526**
Inge JOHANSEN et al. : Docket No. 2001_1826A
Serial No. 10/018,174 : Group Art Unit 1725
Filed March 12, 2002 : Examiner Kevin P. Kerns

EQUIPMENT FOR CONTINUOUS,
HORIZONTAL CASTING OF METAL

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 17, 2003, the period for response having been extended for one (1) month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975